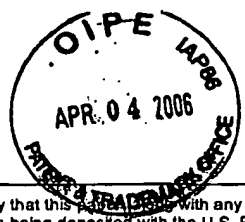



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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action dated February 27, 2006, in which claims 4-9 were allowed, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.